GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is contemplating to mandatorily mix 10% Ethanol with petrol and diesel:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been facing any hurdles in implementation of the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b)- Ethanol is mixed only with petrol. At present there is no proposal to mandatorily mix 10% Ethanol with petrol.

(c) & (d)- The major hurdles faced by the Government in implementation of Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme are as under:-

(i) Delay in issuance of the requisite Gazette Notification by State Governments,

(ii) Hurdles in free inter-state movement of Ethanol.

(iii) Delay in issue of excise permits.

(iv) Non-rationalization of levy of taxes/ duties on Ethanol.

MoP&NG is pursuing the matter with the State Governments for speedy implementation of EBP Programme.

(e) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Vide Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 580(E) dated 20.9.2006 has directed that subject to commercial viability, oil marketing companies shall sell 5 percent of ethanol blended petrol, as per Bureau of Indian Standards specification, in the notified 20 states and 4 Union Territories w.e.f. 1.11.2006. Oil Marketing Companies are procuring ethanol from indigenous producers through open tenders, with a validity period of three years extendable by two more years.

The tenders for supply of Ethanol have been finalized in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Goa, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh (partially). The ethanol blended petrol supplies have already commenced in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Goa, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand (partially), Gujarat (partially) and Andhra Pradesh (partially).